

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 17, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nelda Antunez
Armida Arredondo
Mayme Avent
Christy Chavarria
Patricia Duran
Lidia Flynn
Alicia Gonzalez
Evangelina Hernandez
Jesse Lascano
Susan Maddox
Fran Pataky
Ofelia Porras
Concepcion Vasquez

ABSENT

John T. Bohls
Christine Johnson
Janice Nutt
Melinda Read

STAFF

Maria I. Valdivia
Judy Sarabia
Beatriz Rivera
Janet Gonzalez

Quorum was met.

CALL TO ORDER

Susan Maddox called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for the March 27, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Correction was made to the actual amount of active Foster Grandparents. Presently there are 132. No other suggestions or comments made about the minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Lidia Flynn, seconded by Armida Arredondo.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Judy Sarabia introduced herself as the Foster Grandparent Program Specialist. She announced that Maria was attending a training and would be running late.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Maria mentioned at the meeting that the Foster Grandparents received a ten-cent raise. The Corporation also awarded the program more money to cover this raise.

Judy has already assigned most of the new Grandparents that were trained. The Memorandum of Understanding is being approved by City Council; this will benefit the program during the summer. Many Grandparents don't have a placement and many will be placed at various YWCA locations.

Maria stated there will be only one banquet this year. She felt the two banquets were scheduled to close together. This year she had no choice but have one banquet. The program has run out of mileage reimbursement funds for the grandparents. There are too many Foster Grandparents driving this year. In the past years, many would ride the bus. Maria had to make a budget transfer to cover the rest of this fiscal year's mileage reimbursement. The banquet is tentatively scheduled for the second week in December. The banquet will be combined for the holiday and recognition. Maria had mentioned in the previous meeting she was not going to hold the banquet at the Cliff Inn like previous years. She has not been pleased with their service. She is looking into the Marriott or Hilton. They charge less and are willing to waive the room charge.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Judy went over the expiration dates for current council members. Some of them will be expiring in June. Mayme Avent, Susan Maddox, Christy Chavarria, and Evengelina Hernandez terms will be expiring. This would leave the council with three openings. Nominations were discussed and voted upon. Lidia Flynn is the present secretary, Pat Duran the new president, and Armida Arredondo is the new vice president.

NEW BUSINESS

Maria discussed the evaluation process. She explained there is one evaluation per site and that the site will be evaluating the program, not the Grandparents. The forms and list of sites were passed out to the council members. The members reviewed the list and volunteered on the sites they would be evaluating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next in-service for the grandparents is scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2002 at 9:30 a.m..

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 12:20 p.m.

Reviewed by Maria I. Valdivia
Coordinator

Date

Approved by Susan Maddox
Program Advisory Council President

Date